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SUBJ: LOS: SPECIAL REPORT

SUMMARY: PRINCIPAL WORK OF CONFERENCE AND OBJECTIVES  
FOR SESSION IS COMPLETION OF SINGLE UNIFIED NEGOTIATING  
TEXTS OF TREATY ARTICLES IN THREE MAIN COMMITTEES.  
END SUMMARY.

1. AS A RESULT OF PLENARY APPROVAL FRIDAY, APRIL 18  
OF PRESIDENT'S PROPOSAL THAT COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN ON  
OWN RESPONSIBILITY PREPARE SINGLE UNIFIED TEXTS OF  
TREATY ARTICLES, CENTRAL THRUST OF NEGOTIATIONS AND  
WORK IN COMMITTEES AND UNOFFICIAL GROUP IS ON SUPPLYING  
TEXTS FOR INCLUSION IN CHAIRMAN'S TEXT.

2. COMMITTEE I. GROUP OF 77 IN INTENSIVE DISCUSSIONS  
PAST WEEK ON BASIC CONDITION OF EXPLOITATION HAVE IN  
PRINCIPLE REJECTED SOVIET AND US PROPOSALS FOR  
RESERVED AND NON-RESERVED AREAS, IN WHICH SEABED  
AUTHORITY'S RIGHTS AND DISCRETION DIFFER, IN FAVOR  
OF SINGLE UNIFIED SYSTEM APPLICABLE THROUGHOUT SEABED  
AREA. PRIVATE NEGOTIATIONS CONTINUE ON PROTECTION  
FOR CONTRACTUAL JOINT VENTURES UNDER SUCH SYSTEM.

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WORKING GROUP CHAIRMAN PINTO HAS PRODUCED DRAFT

SINGLE TEXT ON SEABED REGIME AND MACHINERY ON WHICH DELEGATION DEVELOPING COMMENTS JOINTLY WITH USSR, UK, FRANCE AND JAPAN FOR CONSULTATIONS WITH PINTO AND GROUP OF 77 LEADERSHIP AS BASIS FOR REVISING TEXT TO MAKE IT NEGOTIATING TEXT RATHER THAN GROUP OF 77 DOCUMENT.

3. COMMITTEE II. EVENSON GROUP TEXT ON ECONOMIC ZONE GENERAL PROVISIONS AND FISHERIES SENT BY EVENSEN TO COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN AND HEADS OF ALL DELEGATIONS. INDICATIONS ARE THAT CHAIRMAN WILL INCLUDE IN SINGLE TEXT WITH SOME COSMETIC CHANGES AND SUBSTANTIVE CHANGES IN SPECIAL PROVISIONS ON LANDLOCKED AND GEOGRAPHICALLY DISADVANTAGED STATES TO ACCOMMODATE THESE STATES WHO DISSATISFIED WITH EVENSEN TEXT ON THESE POINTS.

SOME CRITICISM OF UK-FIJI STRAITS PROPOSAL MADE BY CANADA, CHILE AND NORWAY WITH RESPECT TO THE DEFINITION OF COVERED STRAITS. HOWEVER, CHAIRMAN EXPECTED TO USE PROPOSAL AS BASIS FOR UNIFIED TEXT.

PRIVATE DISCUSSIONS BY CHAIRMAN WITH PRINCIPAL ARCHIPELAGO STATES AND WITH US, USSR, UK AND JAPAN PRODUCED FULL EXCHANGE OF VIEWS WITH ALL MARITIME STATES AND BAHAMAS IN AGREEMENT WITH US POSITION BUT WITH NO CHANGE IN HARD LINE INDONESIAN AND PHILIPPINE VIEWS.

4. COMMITTEE III. CHAIRMAN YANKOV PREPARING SINGLE TEXTS ON MARINE POLLUTION AND MARINE SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH. GLIMPSES AT KEY PROVISIONS OF POLLUTION TEXT SUGGEST SUBSTANCE OF PROVISIONS ACCEPTABLE WITH RESPECT TO KEY VESSEL-SOURCE POLLUTION ISSUES. WE HAVE PASSED A CLOSELY HELD TEXT TO YANKOV ON SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH JOINTLY AGREED BY US AND SOVIETS IN PRIVATE CONSULTATIONS. WE ARE HOPEFUL CHAIRMAN WILL BE LARGELY GUIDED BY TEXT.  
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